MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telephone Exchange at Mangaldai in Darrang

3622. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of Divisional Office Telephone Exchange at Mangaldai, the Head quarters of Darrang District; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Evolution of National Book Policy

3623. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Book Develpoment Council recommended, among others, the evolution of a comprehensive National Book Policy; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up the recommendation for implementation,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The National Book Development Council submitted a report 'Towards a National Book Policy'. The Government has constituted an Empowered Committee to examine the recommendations.

Construction of a Post Office at the Mangaldai in Darrang

3624. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the planning Commission has approved the construction of a new building for Mangaldai Post Office in the district head quarters of Darrang District in view of the scanty accommodation in the old Post Office building; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be constructed and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) My Ministry has approved construction of Head Post Office building at Mangaldai.

(b) It is likely to be completed in about three years' time from commencement.

Misuse of STD Facility in Connivance with the Telephone Staff

3625. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been persistent complaints of overbilling all over the country and specially in Delhi due to misuse of STD facility by unauthorised presons in connivance with the telephone staff;

(b) whether it is a fact that many subscribers have been getting STD banned and if so, details of banned telephones in Delhi|Bombay yearwise for the last three years against total number of telephones installed;

(c) whether STD banning reduces revenue from subscribers and over